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However, as this was not intended as a genealogy, that part of the volume being an afterthought of the author (it was compiled by a member of the family and inserted at their request), this fault can be overlooked. However, the tables are not lengthy and it takes but a short time to run through them. The Mercers intermarried with the Gordons, Pattons, Chews, Forbes, Crutchfields, Cookes, Herndons, Wallers and other Virginia families.

This book is attractively bound, clear print, good paper, with many handsome illustrations, and should be owned by every member of the Mercer family.

JOHN W. HERNDON.

ROOTES OF ROSEWALL. An account of Major Philip Rootes, of "Rosewall," King and Queen county, Virginia, and of some of his descendants. By William Clayton Torrence.

Phillip Rootes was a wealthy planter and merchant who died in 1756. This is a carefully prepared, handsomely printed and well illustrated account of most of his descendants, including the family names of Washington, Smith, Thompson, Grymes, Thornton, Wedderburn, Dixon, Drake, Eason, Gray, Clayton, Torrence, Jackson, Cobb and many others.

The illustrations include the family arms from old seals and book plates, portraits, &c The author is bibliographer of the Virginia State Library.

THE FOUNDERS OF ANNE ARUNDEL AND HOWARD COUNTIES, MD., &c. By J. A. Warfield, M. D., Baltimore, 1905, pp. 543, lvi (index). Illustrated.

While this book is chiefly of interest to Marylanders it contains much very interesting information in regard to the great Puritan emigration from Virginia to Maryland, 1645-55. The details given in regard to the removal of so many individuals and families, chiefly of Puritan tendencies, from Virginia to the younger colony, is a decided addition to our early history.